[Mr. K. George.]

(*d*) to (*g*) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 158 part (*e*).

(*h*) No.

Construction of the road to the sanatorium near Mahendragiri.

439. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any progress has been made in 1107 in the construction of the road to the new sanatorium near Mahendragiri ;

(*b*) whether any, and, if so, what funds were spent this year for carrying out the work ;

(*c*) whether the road from Kadakkarai, as at present aligned would stop at the frontier near the British territory and whether the Travancore people proceeding to the sanatorium will have to pass along British territory before they can reach their destination ; and

(*d*) whether they have considered the possibility of opening up a route beginning from the Karimpara-Mahendragiri road through the Panagudi pass and whether such route would open up large tracts of unexplored forest regions and thus enrich the country ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The construction of the road has yet to be taken up, but the investigation of the line is proceeding.

(*b*) No funds were spent for the construction of the road, but a sum of Rs. 505 has been spent for investigating the line.

(*c*) No. The road aligned runs straight to the site of the sanatorium and lies wholly within Travancore.

(*d*) There is such a proposal, but the possibility of it can be ascertained only after investigation.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : In regard to the construction of this road to Mahendragiri, have Government allotted any funds this year ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Have the estimates and plans, necessary for the construction of the road, been prepared ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I know then why Rs. 505 has been spent ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : For investigation.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : At what stage is the investigation at present ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It has been completed.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Then, what more remains to be done before the construction is taken up ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The heavy cost of the road, the heavy compensation required to be paid for acquisition and the want of money stand in the way of taking up the construction of the road.

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : How do the Government know about these things before the estimates and plans are prepared ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : During the investigation, of course, the P. W. D. came to know that it would cost more than Rs. 2,25,000 approximately.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Was the investigation conducted for ascertaining the alignment of the road or the feasibility of the road ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Both.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Does it mean that, as things stand at present, Government have abandoned the idea ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Is it the idea of Government that they ought to take up the construction of this road and provide a sanatorium at Mahendragiri ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Re admission of students who have failed in the Vernacular Higher Examination.

440. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is obligatory under the *Education Code* and whether it is the usual practice for Government to fix the last date for readmission in schools of students who have failed in the Vernacular Higher Examination ;

(*b*) whether any such date has been fixed this year, and, if so, what it is and the date on which the examination results were published; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that these students who seek readmission will be forced to pay the fees for the whole year even though they are made to join the class late ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, pending the issue of a supplemental list of passes.

(*c*) The member is referred to Rule 120 of the *Education Code*. It has come to the notice of the Director that in one Departmental school, fees are realised for the whole school year and the necessary action is being taken in the matter.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : In regard to part (*b*) may I know whether the supplemental list has already been issued ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have passed orders on certain proposals regarding hard cases.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Krunagapalli*) : May I know the date to which this answer refers ? May I take it to be till date or till yesterday ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer came some days ago.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I know whether the list has already been published ?

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